



Embassy
of the Federal Republic of Germany
Windhoek

Visa for family members of non-German EU citizen

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If the applicant is

- the spouse, the partner in life or a relative in the direct descending line of a EU citizen or
- a relative in the direct descending line of the spouse or partner in life of a EU citizen and are under 21 years of age or
- a relative in the direct ascending and direct descending line of a EU citizen or of his/her spouse or partner in life, for whom these persons or their spouses or partners in life provide maintenance

and

the relevant EU citizen lives in Germany, Austria, Belgium, France, Greece, Hungary, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands or Switzerland or the applicant wants to accompany him/her to Germany, Austria, Belgium, France, Greece, Hungary, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands or Switzerland?

NOTE: This exemption does not apply, when visiting the country of which the EU citizen is a national!

(For example, the exemption does not apply when a German citizen is travelling with a foreign spouse to Germany.)

Should the criteria above apply, the application can be submitted directly at the German Embassy in Windhoek. Only as a family member of a non-German EU citizen the application may be submitted without prior appointment during the opening hours of the visa section. However, it's recommend to schedule an appointment to avoid extended waiting times.

General information:

- The applicant (Namibian citizen or foreign citizen with a valid residence permit for Namibia) can apply for a short term visa to Germany. The German Embassy in Windhoek also represents various other Schengen countries, please check our website for the updated list.
- Please note that the application has to be submitted **personally** (and recommendable by appointment) **at the German Embassy**. It cannot be submitted earlier than 6 months before the date of travel.
- The application will usually be **processed within 15 days** upon submission of the complete visa application. Therefore, applicants are strongly encouraged to apply well in advance of their actual travel dates.
- If the travel date is imminent or lies within two weeks of the application date, please postpone the trip. In general, the German Embassy is not able to expedite the process.
- Each applicant must submit a **separate and complete** set of the documents.
- **Original** documents must be submitted with **1 simple copy**.
- Further documentation may be requested in each individual case.
- Please see our website for additional information: [Website of the German Embassy Windhoek \(www.windhoek.diplo.de\)](http://www.windhoek.diplo.de)

Please read the following checklist, fill in the application form completely and provide the original documents plus 1 simple copy (only complete applications can be processed!)

Submission of the following documents does **not** guarantee that a visa will be granted.

Please sort the documents exactly in the following order:

- **1 duly completed visa application form**
 - please open the online application form [Videx \(www.videx.diplo.de\)](http://www.videx.diplo.de)
 - fill it in fully and correctly in English or German
 - download the completed form as a PDF-file, then
 - print it
 - date and sign it
- **1 recent passport photograph** according to biometric specifications
- **Original passport** or travel document valid for at least 3 months after the intended date of departure from the territory of the Schengen area. The passport/travel document must contain at least two blank pages and must have been issued within the last 10 years.
- Provide a copy of a) the passport data page, b) previous Schengen visas within last 3 years and c) valid USA/UK visas if available.
- For non-Namibian citizens: Proof of legal residence in Namibia, which allows reentering Namibia upon the end of the journey. Original plus 1 copy of Permanent Resident card and re-entry permit.

- **Documents proving relationship as dependents in accordance with Freedom of Movement Act/EU:**
 - **Original** unabridged marriage certificate or other proof of relationship with EU citizen or his/her spouse / partner in life.
 - **Original** of the EU citizen's passport's data page and - if he/she is residing in the EU - proof of residence.
 - Proof of support/maintenance payments (only for family members of European Union citizens and their spouses /partners in life older than 21 years).
- **Signed declaration in accordance with Article 54 paragraph 2 number 8 in conjunction with Article 53 Residence Act.** This is the last page of the visa application form (cf. number 1).

For **minors (below 18)**, both parents / legal guardians must apply in person and must sign the application form and give their written consent. If either one or both parents are not travelling, a consent letter signed by the parent(s) not travelling, certified by a commissioner of oaths, is required. If parents / legal guardians are not present in Namibia their written consent should be legalized by the relevant German Mission, in the place of residence of the parents/legal guardians. For minor applicants intending to travel without their parents/legal guardians, the application has to be submitted by parents/legal guardians who must present the minor's unabridged birth certificate. Birth certificate needs to state both the names of father and mother. Students must provide proof of enrolment at an educational institution. Original letter from the school, signed and dated is needed.